

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2006

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:	OTHERS PRESENT:
SUPERVISORS	REPRESENTING ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY COLLEGE:
CHAMPAGNE	WILLIAM LONG, VICE PRESIDENT FOR
SHEEHAN	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
STEC	MARSHALL BISHOP, PRESIDENT
TESSIER	ANTHONY PALANGI, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES
GABRIELS	WILLIAM THOMAS, CHAIRMAN
	JOAN PARSONS, COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE &
	FISCAL SERVICES
	NICOLE LIVINGSTON, DEPUTY CLERK
	SUPERVISORS BELDEN
	CAIMANO
	MASON
	SOKOL
	F. THOMAS
	VANNESS
	AMANDA ALLEN, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Mr. Champagne called the meeting of the Community College Committee to order at 10:50 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 13th meeting subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to William Long, ACC's (Adirondack Community College) Vice President for Administrative Services, who distributed copies of his presentation to the Committee members; *a copy of the document is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Long began by explaining that the ACC Board of Directors had voted in favor of entering into contract with Johnson Controls to begin an energy conservation project. He apprised that the project had been researched for over a year to determine the implications of the upgrades prior to making this decision.

The energy project would include the replacement of inefficient and outdated equipment resulting in energy savings, Mr. Long advised. He added that the upgrades intended for the campus automation system and the replacement of the Eisenhart Hall boiler with a geothermal heating system would increase these savings.

Mr. Long apprised that the procurement method of the project would not require capital dollars as a capital lease would be implemented to cover the project costs, making the upgrades budget neutral. He said that Johnson Controls would install the improvements and ensure cost, work schedule and energy savings which they guaranteed would reimburse the leasing costs over the life of the project. Mr. Long added that this project had been approved by State Energy Law.

Mr. Long noted that the project cost had increased since his handout was developed, to an estimated \$1.6 million. He added that the financing term would be 15 years with an anticipated 4.5% rate of interest. Additional improvements such as caulking drafty windows and outfitting vending machines and computers for energy efficiency would result in an estimated \$129,000 per year in energy savings with a net utility reduction of \$258,000 over the life of the financing term, Mr. Long explained.

In closing, Mr. Long stated that although ACC did not require the Committee's permission to proceed with the project, he wanted them to be aware of the project due to the extensive work and cost.

Mr. Champagne noted that Warren County had implemented a similar energy savings project at the Westmount Health Facility, which had been very successful. He said that he was appreciative of Mr. Long's presentation and noted that it did not appear that any financial assistance would be required of Warren County to maintain this project.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Champagne advised that a meeting was scheduled for that afternoon with the Washington County Board of Supervisors to further negotiate the cost split of future capital projects for ACC. He advised that he would contact Mr. Long subsequent to the meeting to update him on the status of the negotiations.

As there was no further business to come before the Community College Committee, on motion made by Mr. Stec and seconded by Mr. Tessier, Mr. Champagne adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Allen, Legislative Office Specialist